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Note and Comment

The decision of the legislature to retain the capital at Edmonton is one the wisdom of which will, we are assured, be fully justified by time. It will take but a few years to make Edmonton the centre of the population of the province as well as of its territory. The result is all the more gratifying because it was brought about without a straight division between the north and south, three southern members recognizing the strength of Edmonton's claim. The contest, as was anticipated, was wholly between this city and Calgary. The representatives of the latter took their defeat in the very best spirit, their attitude presaging, let us hope, a future of purely friendly rivalry, in which they will act together in advancing to the best of their ability the interests of our common country and province. There is plenty of room for them both in Alberta and with the development that is now proceeding so rapidly they will each, unless all indications fail, become large and flourishing cities. On Edmonton a large responsibility is cast. It is no small honor to be the capital of such a province as Alberta and she must strive to be in all respects worthy of it. Few places have been more abundantly blessed by nature. But in this case her works must be supplemented by the wisdom and foresight of man. We have a great opportunity to make this a beautiful and prosperous community as is to be found on the American continent. Shall we take full advantage of it? No—blessed oblige.

While the earlier news from the Californian metropolis was incorrect in many particulars and some of the more terrific disasters that were reported did not actually occur, the collapse of the Cliff House and the sinking of the men of war in the harbor for instance, the fact still remains that San Francisco has suffered from the greatest holocaust that has ever visited North America. The loss of life amounts to several thousand and three quarters of the city is in ruins. At Berkeley and at Palo Alto, the two great universities of which the state was so proud, have sustained tremendous losses, that at Leland Stanford amounting to several millions. The greatest damage was done by the fire, which followed the earthquake shocks rather than by the shocks themselves. The scenes during the conflagration and after it was checked, when thousands of families, suddenly bereft of homes and the necessities of life, wandered the streets in a state of desperation, when the underworld was let loose and the military had to be called on to protect property, when millionaire fraternized with pauper, gave plenty of opportunity to the descriptive writer and he has taken full advantage of it.

That great suffering should follow such a disaster was inevitable.

But it cannot, have lasted long, measures of relief having been instituted all over the continent and train loads of supplies having been started towards San Francisco at the shortest possible notice. Canadians joined quite as heartily in the movement as the people across the border and large contributions to the relief fund have been made by municipalities in different parts of the Dominion. The Edmonton council voted \$1,000 which was sent to President Roosevelt to place at the disposal of the Red Cross Society. The banks of the city are collecting any subscriptions which individual citizens may care to tender. It is impossible, of course, to determine just how much money is needed to relieve the actual suffering that is going on in San Francisco, but the chances are that a great deal more has already been contributed than is actually necessary. At the time of the Hull-Ottawa fire a few years ago the committee had more money than it knew well what to do with. The losses in San Francisco are tremendous but it should be remembered that the funds being established are not for the purpose of recouping in any way those who sustained these. The public could hardly undertake to set up in business or in homes of their own, those who failed to protect themselves through insurance on their property. All that it can do is to see that temporary wants are supplied. So well has this work been carried out already that, according to a despatch sent out on Sunday, there was not a hungry person among the homeless thousands in the city on that day. In view of these facts, is there not a little danger that Canadian municipalities have proven a little too generous in the measure of aid which they have been sending? It is a good thing in the interests of international friendship and of humanity in general for us to bear our share, but, to take the case of our own municipality, \$1,000 seems a very large contribution for a place of our size and wealth to make. It was a generous impulse on the part of the council to make so large a grant but we must recognize that there are a great many local objects which call for the expenditure of civic funds and that we cannot afford to play too big a role as a city beautiful.

Already plans are being prepared for the rebuilding of San Francisco. That a large city will again spring up where now everything is desolation and ruin may be taken for granted. But it is safe to say that it will never have the great future that seemed destined for it before the disaster of last week. San Francisco has had earthquakes before and the fear of a repetition, even on a small scale, of such an occurrence as this will make those looking about for a residential or business location exceedingly wary. The loss of life will probably amount to about 3000. Large as this is, it is very far from equaling that in other catastrophes of this character. Asia Minor has had a

score of earthquakes that resulted in tens of thousands being killed. The story of that at Antioch has been immortalized in Gibbon's Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire. In 1626, 30,000 perished at and near Naples. The people who live at the world's most beautiful spot pay dearly for the privilege in the long run. In 1716, 20,000 were killed in Algiers; in Pekin in 1713, 100,000; in Lisbon in 1755, 50,000; in Cashmir, India, in 1883, 70,000, and so on. Those facts hardly bear out the contention of those apostles of sweetness and light who since the San Francisco affair have been arguing that the earth is coming nearer its final blow-up.

The G.T.P. intends to lose no time with its construction work. By the first of August a force of men will be working out of Edmonton. According to the statement of Mr. Fetter, superintendent for Foley Bros. and Larson, who was here at the first of the week, five thousand men are to be put at work immediately on the division from Saskatoon to Battle River. Steel will be laid, it is expected, between Saskatoon and Portage before winter sets in and the grading completed to this city. Before the harvest of 1907 is ready for shipment the railway will be ready to bear its share of the task. With work of this magnitude being carried on, a stirring season should be ahead for the West.

Calgary has offered four lots, said to be worth \$8000, to two Minneapolis gentlemen for \$1000, on the understanding that they establish a factory there employing twenty-five men. This means that a direct bonus of \$7000 has been given to the projectors of the industry, a fairly liberal inducement to an enterprise of these proportions. It is evident that the municipalities of the province are about to enter into a bidding contest for the various concerns which are beginning to see the advantages of manufacturing in this part of the west. If one does it, all the others who wish to keep up in industrial development must do the same, no matter how unfair the practice is. Such a bonus as Calgary is giving this biscuit factory would not be allowed under the present Ontario law. After many years of wasteful outlay, an attempt has been made to restrict municipalities from granting enormous concessions to prospective manufacturers. But so deep-seated has the system become that it has been found impossible up to the present to uproot it altogether. In Alberta the opportunity is offered for the legislature to abolish it before it gets any firm hold. But our representatives have made no move in that direction and there is no indication that they will, during the present session at least. It is a pity that industries cannot be allowed to develop along natural lines. In a country like this we should not resort to any hot-house methods.

The train load of goods, consisting of twenty-five cars, which ar-

rived from the east on Friday last for Revillon Brothers, constituted as good an advertisement for the city as it would be possible for it to obtain. It travelled only in the day-time and on all the cars were large labels, telling of the train's destination. No person seeing it in the course of its long journey could fail to be impressed by the fact that a city of such recent growth as Edmonton could boast of an establishment conducted on so large a scale. Citizens are under no small obligation to Revillon Brothers for the enterprise which the firm has shown.

Now that the capital has been finally selected, the work of choosing a site for the new parliament buildings will be undertaken immediately. Hon. Mr. Cushing in his address on Wednesday intimated that plans had already been prepared for a very handsome stone structure. Various localities have been suggested but public opinion is for the most part agreed that no better choice could be made than on the Hudson's Bay property near the old house of the chief factor. The spot is a supremely beautiful one under present conditions. If chosen we venture to say that no country or province or state in America or out of it will possess a more attractive governmental home. The only objection to it that the high level bridge about to be constructed will shut out the superb view which is now to be had from that point up the Saskatchewan. It is a great pity that the railway structure has to be built at that particular place.

Again Edmonton is threatened with trouble among the building trades. The Carpenters' Union is asking the Builders' Association for an eight-hour day and a minimum wage of three dollars. The general public, while not in a position to pronounce upon the merits of the dispute, will certainly hope most ardently for a satisfactory solution. A tie-up in building operations at the present juncture in our history would be a great calamity and the employers and employees should consider well what the effect will be of rash action on their part. There is every indication that the building permits for April alone will go over \$200,000 and no very large single contracts are included in that total. With the parliament buildings assured, the G. T. P. working out of the city and the high level bridge being rushed, in addition to all the private building enterprises that are going on, we stand on the verge of a season of unprecedented activity.

A. Stronach, a big rancher, living twenty miles east of Medicine Hat, was found in a delicious state in the Bad Lands by a searching party of 75 on Wednesday evening. He had been there since Monday, having been thrown from his rig. His face was so swollen that he was unrecognizable. The accident may cost him his reason.

The Week in Calgary

How the City Took the News of the Selection of the Capital.

Senator Loughheed's Appointment

Calgary, April 26th.

The news that Edmonton had been finally selected as the capital of Alberta did not come as a great surprise. For a long time back, it has been recognized that the struggle was hopeless. Even if all the Southern members had been brought to the support of this city, this would not have been enough to ensure its selection, and three of them were known to have been corralled by Edmonton. There was a good deal of soreness in Calgary, when the Alberta bill made the northern city the temporary capital, but time has already done much to take away from the bitterness of the dose. We think we had a right to the honor, but our future was in no way bound up with it and Calgary will still keep to the front in this part of the west. Its citizens have every confidence that even if the centre of political interest is to the north, that this will remain the commercial metropolis of the province.

The city is now the home of one of the leaders of the Conservative party in the Dominion, Senator Loughheed having been chosen as Sir Mackenzie Bowell's successor in the Senate. The honor is no small one. Senator Loughheed may not have been a great success as a local politician, his corporation connections having made it an easy matter for his opponents to excite prejudice against him, but he is capable, nevertheless, of rendering good service in the upper chamber, as good service in anyone in that for the most part useless appendage to our institutions can render. He has always been an active and most intelligent member and the confidence which his colleagues have shown in him is well-deserved.

The proposition to spend over \$20,000 in parks this summer has met with general favor. The money can be put to no better purpose at this stage in Calgary's growth.

City Engineer Thorold resigned his post at the last meeting of the Council.

The two productions of the amateur opera "Pruce Bonnie" were very great successes and show that we have in our midst much first-class talent and P. L. Newcombe, the director, is to be congratulated on the great success of his efforts. Mrs. Winter and Mrs. Niblock in the roles of "Bonnie" and "Kitty Clover" and R. L. McCammon as "Roy" deserve special mention.

"Handsome Harry," Latimer is to have his freedom after all. His extradition was ordered but as no American officer appeared to take him in charge there was no alternative but to release him.

The death of W. D. Wylie, local manager of the Bole Drug Company, from pleuro-pneumonia has occasioned widespread regret. He had been a resident of the city for four years. He leaves a widow and two children.

A temporary solution of the C. P. R. crossing difficulty was reached at the last council meeting when the following resolution passed unanimously:—"That no further action be taken with reference to the proposed agreement

between the city and the C. P. R. in connection with certain crossings, but that the question of opening or closing the railway crossings be submitted to and brought before the railway commission and that the necessary steps be started at once so as to obtain a legal settlement of the various questions, and that a special committee composed of the mayor, Ald. Hall and Jones and the city solicitor confer with the C. P. R. authorities and arrange in the meantime for the keeping open of Seventh and Tenth streets and the other streets in the interests of the citizens, and report to the council."

The Grant corner at 11th avenue and First street west has been sold to W. J. Wade and L. H. McGuffin of Indian Territory for \$10,500. A three storey business block will be erected there.

Personal

The Fort Saskatchewan Reporter says:—Frank Walker, M. P. P., accompanied by Mrs. Walker, spent a few days in town last week, returning to Edmonton on Monday. Frank does not appear to be suffering at all from the top-hatted, frock-coated, strenuous atmosphere of the Legislature.

Thomas Daltus and wife are here from Moosomin.

Mrs. J. L. Goodwin of the Pembina country is paying a visit to Strathcona.

James Macdonald has returned from a very pleasant trip of five weeks to the East.

Mrs. O. E. Owens, of Montreal, sister of Kenneth Pickell, jeweller, has been visiting in the city during the week.

Bishop Pinkham of Calgary has gone to Toronto to attend a Church gathering here.

J. E. McCoy and Albert Hanson came in from Battleford on Friday last.

H. H. Cooper went to Winnipeg on Sunday night.

The Vancouver World says: Rev. Archibald Ewing, who spent a number of years in Victoria in connection with the Chinese mission of the Presbyterian church left on the Empress of Japan today on his way to England via the Orient. Before settling in Victoria Mr. Ewing had been engaged in missionary work in China for about twelve years. For the past few months he had been filling a charge in Edmonton, and is enthusiastic about the rapid growth of the city of the north-west. He says large numbers of people are taking up land near Edmonton, a large proportion of them being from the Old Country and farmers from the American side. While in Victoria, Mr. Ewing was a frequent occupant of Vancouver Presbyterian pulpits, particularly St. Andrews. He is an excellent preacher. Mr. Ewing intends to remain in the old country.

Mr. Wm. Burke, teller at the Imperial Bank here, has received notice of his transfer to Winnipeg, and will probably leave to-morrow, Friday morning, for his new post. Mr. W. R. Wiebe will return to town from Edmonton and resume his former position in the bank. Mr. A. H. Weaver succeeds Mr. Burke as teller, and Mr. J. C. Harkin is promoted to ledger-keeper.—Rosthern Enterprise.

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From the Press Gallery

**Wednesday's Long-looked-for Debate ends in the
Selection of Edmonton as the Permanent
Capital by a vote of 16 to 8.**

The great debate is over and Edmonton is to be the permanent capital of Alberta. With the spectators thronging all parts of the House, crowding over even into the sacred precincts of the press gallery, the subject was threshed out on Wednesday afternoon and evening. Sergeant-at-arms Bradley had a hard day's task in keeping order. Though Mr. C. A. Stuart pointed out that if the presence of other than members of the House was recognized by the speakers, the galleries (figuratively speaking) would have to be cleared, frequent reference was made to the large audience and some of the addresses were undoubtedly intended more for it rather than for the people's representatives. Under the circumstances, it was impossible for the outside public assembled to restrain its feelings altogether and when some particularly good point was made the privileged applause from the speaker's colleagues was supplemented to a large extent. The sergeant-at-arms did his best to keep the enthusiasm within proper bounds but it persisted in breaking out all day in new and unexpected quarters. Finally when the crisis of the proceedings came and sixteen stalwart men rose to declare that Edmonton should be the permanent capital, he gave up the task. There was a thundering shout from the spectators which all the parliamentary rules ever devised and the most efficient body of legislative servants could not have held back.

When it is considered how much controversy the subject has given rise to, the debate was a most friendly one. All the addresses were delivered in the best of spirit, resembling at times more the utterances of after-dinner speakers than anything else. There was some humor and a great deal of attempted humor in the course of the various efforts. In detailing the proceedings it is much easier to note who did not speak rather than those who did. The silent ones were the Premier and Messrs. Walker, Simpson, Marcellus, McPherson, McKenney, Bredin and McLeod. All the others had their little say.

Hon. Mr. Cushing opened up for Calgary shortly after three o'clock. The member for the southern city disclaimed being an orator, as Brutus is, the Brutus in this case being the honorable member for Red Deer, but he made a very effective presentation of the case on behalf of his constituency. He paid a very neat tribute to the hospitality shown by the people of Edmonton. As during an acquaintance with the city extending over many years, he had always found this open-heartedness a characteristic of Edmonton, he was sure that it had not been shown in this case simply for political reasons. He claimed that Calgary was the centre around which the life of the province revolved, that there the first agitation for autonomy had arisen, that it was the most convenient point for people from all points of the province to

reach. The Alberta government, he pointed out, was paying well for the privilege of conducting its business in Edmonton and the money being spent in rent now would meet the interest on the cost of very fine parliamentary buildings. The erection of these would be proceeded with speedily. In fact plans had already been prepared. On the basis of these, he calculated that the freight on the stone, lime and cement that would be used would cost at least \$20,000 more to bring to Edmonton than to Calgary. He offered a site of from 25 to 30 acres in the latter city in case it were chosen. If the government had to pay for land in Edmonton at the present values here he felt that it would be necessary to wait for a couple of years before commencing operations. Mr. Cushing evidently felt, however, that his case was a lost one before he commenced to speak, for in concluding he admitted that whatever he said would make little difference, for he felt that the members had already made up their minds.

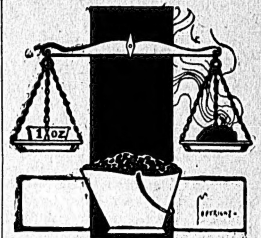
Hon. Mr. Cross was the principal spokesman for Edmonton. On every ground he held that it was the logical centre. Historically, it occupied the position of advantage. In 1776 Edmonton was more of a political centre than Toronto. If Calgary had attained a large growth in recent years, it was simply due to the friendship of the C. P. R. and to the hostility of that corporation to Edmonton. But with the advent of new roads a great change was taking place. If ever a place deserved well of the people of the west it was Edmonton, which had forged to the front in the face of enormous obstacles. In scenic beauty it was vastly superior to Calgary. Proceeding, the Attorney-General quoted a mass of statistics showing that Edmonton was bound to be in the centre of the wealth and population of the province. He went Mr. Cushing one better by offering a choice of two sites in Edmonton.

Mr. Stuart of Gleichen, as a citizen of Calgary, strongly supported Mr. Cushing. He denied altogether the validity of the geographical argument. The province consisted not of acres of land but of the men and women who live in it. He pointed out that other provinces and countries had always chosen their capitals at the centres of population not of territory. Southern Alberta was going to go ahead still further and would keep ahead of the north. If the scenic argument was to be of any avail, he held that the capital should be in view of the most glorious sight in America, the Rocky mountains.

Mr. Boyle of Sturgeon was Edmonton's second champion. His speech was a most effective one. If the House considered that the development of Alberta was at an end, it should choose Calgary, but if this were not its conclusion, its course should be clear to it. He pointed out that the map issued by Calgary to show its claims to the capital expropriated a large part of Montana and British Columbia.

Mr. Mackenzie of Macleod spoke

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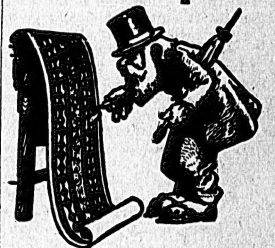
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briefly, simply intimating his intention of supporting Calgary, with Edmonton his second choice.

Mr. Macaulay of Vermilion made a characteristic speech, which put the case for Edmonton in a strong light. He was surprised that Calgary claimed an advantage in freight rates. It was just the other day that the people there were raising a row over what they considered the unfair discrimination that the C.P.R. had shown in favor of Edmonton. He could speak from personal experience of the Peace River. He had been up there in 1884 and had visited it several times since. He was sure that when opened up by the railways, it would prove the marvel of the world.

Mr. Puffer of Lacombe thought that the considerations of posterity should be paramount. The mistake of the past had been in not considering it enough.

Mr. Robertson, in leading off at the evening session, grew very eloquent in describing the beauty of Calgary. Mr. Boyle had referred to the fact that Sir Wilfrid Laurier had already chosen Edmonton as the capital. The leader of the Opposition was of the opinion that this choice had been made simply because the north was Liberal and the south Conservative.

When Hon. Mr. Findlay rose and said he would support Edmonton, it was recognised that all was over but the cheering. The Minister of Agriculture paid a glowing tribute to Edmonton and predicted a great future for it. No one in Medicine Hat had tried to influence his vote, the matter having been left entirely in his hands.

Mr. Simmons of Lethbridge, while supporting Calgary, evidently was not greatly interested in the choice. It was of more importance that the selection should be made speedily than that it should go to any particular place.

Mr. Telford of Leduc made a reference to Mr. Cushing and shingles, the point of which neither the Minister of Public Works nor the rest of those in the hall could understand. Mr. Cushing rose to say that he did not intend to provide the province with shingles. He was not in the shingle business.

Mr. Woolf of Cardston was content to let Edmonton have the university if Edmonton had the capital.

Mr. Rosenroll said he would support Edmonton and Mr. Hiebert declared for Calgary. Mr. Brick told the House that Peace River was equal to any other part of Alberta, and the debate on Mr. Cushing's motion was over. The vote stood:

Yeas—Moore, Cushing, Woolf, Mackenzie, Stuart, Robertson, Hiebert, Simmons—8.

Nays—Cross, Boyle, Puffer, McCaulay, Rosenroll, Finlay, Walker, Simpson, Marcellus, McPherson, McKenney, Telford, Bredin, Brick, McLeod, Rutherford—10.

Three members from south of Red Deer, Simpson, (Innisfail), Marcellus (Pincher Creek) and Finlay (Medicine Hat), thus failed to support the southern city.

When the applause which greeted the result had died down, the oratorical treat of the evening came. "I appear upon the scene," said Mr. Moore, in opening his long looked for address, "as a peacemaker, greatly admiring these two rival sister towns of ours. I would be delighted if they would meet half-way, in the city of Red

Deer." The trouble with Edmonton was that it was lifting its nose too high these days. Red Deer was prepared to offer 50 acres in Grand View Park or 100 immediately adjoining the town-site. There would be an electric railway from the station to the parliament buildings. Only a verbatim report of Mr. Moore's remarks would do anything like justice to the eloquence of his description of Red Deer's beauty, and unfortunately The Saturday News has not space for that. "To see Red Deer once," he said, "is to have it linger with you ever after as a delightful memory."

However, all the fine periods, the illustrations from the career of Caracatus and the tuncful lines of the speaker's namesake, Ireland's chief bard, went to waste. When Mr. Moore had resumed his seat, Mr. Stuart said that he had seconded the motion merely to allow the House to hear Mr. Moore's address. As Calgary had not been chosen, he would support Edmonton. Mr. Moore then withdrew his motion. The retreat from Moscow had been completed.

Mr. Hiebert rose to move for the selection of Banff. He had no seconder and offered to withdraw his motion. Mr. Rosenroll then volunteered to perform the same service as Mr. Stuart had performed for Mr. Moore, but the member for Rosebud thought his proposition might as well be dropped.

The Premier congratulated the House on the general tone of debate and the day's proceedings, so big with fate, were concluded.

The other events of the week's session faded into insignificance in anticipation of the debate on the capital, but much important work was advanced. The university bill, the details of which have already been given in this column, received its second reading. The Premier, in introducing it, spoke at length upon the glory which a nation receives from its educational facilities. He referred with pride to the work which the present administration had accomplished in extending school privileges to children of all classes. Fifteen schools have been organized in Galician settlements. The satisfactory financial condition of the province would allow good salaries to be paid to teachers. As to when the university would be established, no hint was given. Mr. Boyle thought that the bill was like a new motor car without any gasoline to run it. The leader of the opposition particularly rejoiced in the fact that the institution was to be non-sectarian. Mr. Moore in the fact that the sweet girl graduates in their golden hair were to have a place there. The office of vice-chancellor was provided for in the bill as it originally stood. It was amended to abolish this office. This is in accord with the report recently made by the University of Toronto commission which recommended that the vice-chancellorship be done away.

Mr. Simmons, the new member for Lethbridge, took his seat last Friday, being introduced by the Premier and Mr. Woolf. Unless all signs fail, he will speedily attain a high place in political life. In the opinion of the writer, he is already the best, all-round speaker that the House can lay claim to. Mr. Stuart of Gleichen possibly being excepted. He is a man of liberal education and sane views

and should have a most useful career before him.

The coal mines regulation bill, introduced by Mr. Cushing, makes a large number of useful restrictions. No boy under 16, who has not had a reasonable amount of education is to be allowed to work in the mines. No boy under 12 and no women are to be employed. Pit and fire bosses are subject to inspection. There is to be proper ventilation at all mines. There are to be three inspection districts, the Crow's Nest, the Canmore and the Edmonton. Elijah Heathcote is to be inspector for the first, and Provincial Inspector Smith will look after the other two for the time being.

Attorney-General Cross had the Mechanics' Lien bill in hand. Section 13 of the act makes the facilities for filing claims as simple as possible. Printed forms are to be kept at the registry office and will be supplied by the registrar free of cost, which the workman may fill out and file as a statement of claim, thereby placing a lien on the building, mine or works, or whatever it may be. If, in case his wages are not paid, he files this lien within 31 days he then has 30 days in which to take action to secure the money that is coming to him. In case his claim is less than \$200 it may be disposed of summarily, before a judge and under the act there is no appeal allowed. That is to say, a mechanic who has a claim for wages to a less extent than \$200 may at any time within 31 days file his lien and may proceed at once to enforce his claim, having done which there is no appeal and the case cannot be carried from court to court, as has been so often done in wage cases, until the wage-earner is no longer able to fight his case.

The bill provides that lumber dealers must make claim for their material within 31 days of the time it is supplied or their rights of lien lapsed. The two members of the opposition, who are both in the lumber business, opposed this strongly. In country districts they held that a longer time was necessary to do justice to the dealer. They were supported by Mr. Telford, who is also an experienced man in the business, while Mr. Finlay, another of the seven lumbermen in the House, did not think the extension of time necessary. The matter was left over for the time being. Mr. Boyle's automobile bill elicited an interesting discussion. It provides that each owner of an automobile should take out a license. He is allowed to travel at the rate of 20 miles an hour in the country. When passing a rig from the rear he is only to go ten and when meeting one five.

Section 10 provides that in case of damage to horses, rigs or the occupants the burden of proof that the operator of the machine had complied with all the requirements of the act was upon the operator, and that both the operator and the owner, in case the owner was not the operator, should be liable for damages. Mr. Mackenzie of McLeod held that this was too sweeping, and the section was held over.

The amendments to the Calgary charter were passed. The city is empowered to assess property holders on a local improvement basis for water works extensions, where a water main passes in front of their property, where the property holder is not taking water and therefore not paying rates. An

other clause in the amendments allows for the consolidation of a group of debentures.

P. Burns, the cattle king of Calgary, appeared before the agricultural committee on Tuesday morning and denied that there was any monopoly in his business. Mr. Burns was an interested listener to the debates on the capital question. He occupied a seat in the press gallery in the afternoon. Another prominent Calgary citizen present was I. S. G. van Wart.

C. A. Stuart has a bill in hand by which a man is prevented from willing away all his property and leaving his wife penniless. A limit of \$12,000 is placed on the amount coming within the scope of the act. Messrs. Robertson and Mackenzie stated on the second reading that they considered this amount too low. The bill is now before the legal committee.

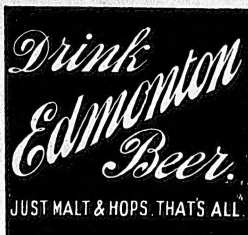
The railway committee brought in a most important report, recommending the adoption of certain rules prior to the passing of a general railway act. Charters granted should lapse at the end of two years unless 15 per cent of the capital stock shall have been expended in actual construction by that time. This would effectually dispose of charter-mongers.

Another important recommendation of the committee is that the location of town sites should be subject to the location of Lieutenant-Governor in Council, and that when these town sites are expropriated, one-third of the land therein should pass to the province to be held in trust for the municipality.

The banquet at Fort Saskatchewan on Tuesday to the member for Victoria, Mr. Frank Walker, one of the most popular representatives in the assembly, was largely attended, the House going up to the Fort in a body. W. A. D. Lees, president of the Liberal Association, presided. G. O. Baltz, the secretary of the association, proposed the toast of the government, to which Mr. Rutherford and Mr. Cross responded. The other members were all heard in their turn, each paying a warm tribute to Mr. Walker. When the guest of the evening arose he was greeted by round after round of applause. He referred with pride to the fact that he had obtained the largest majority accorded to any private member in the province. D. J. Simmons and W. M. Corbett did full justice to "The Ladies." Mr. Stutchbury's solos were much appreciated. The spread was a great credit to the proprietor of the Mansion House, and the visitors, one and all, expressed themselves as having spent one of the pleasantest evenings of their lives.

The Strathcona Chronicle says: One of the first things that strikes the newcomer to Strathcona, if one may judge by frequent comments overheard, is the way in which the C.P.R. are allowed to obstruct the main thoroughfare by continually shunting trains across it. The rapid increase in the volume of freight, as a result of the influx of immigration, urgently demands that the C.P.R. do their yard work elsewhere than on the main street of the town.

Rev. H. C. Winch of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, passed through the city at the first of the week on his way to take up missionary work in the far north.



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Here and There

I notice that the board of the new Young Men's Christian Association announces that in the \$60,000 building which it is proposed to erect in Edmonton there will be a billiard room, and what is more significant "a smoking room if desired." If this plan is carried out, the local directors will be entitled to much credit for the courage and common-sense which they show. The trouble with most of the associations is that they get into the hands of goody-goodies, who by their narrow prejudices drive away many young men upon whom a healthful influence might otherwise be exerted. A year or so ago the Bishop of Carlisle told the British associations some home truths. Their policy, he said, tended to make hypocrites of their members. They should not be expected when in their rooms to conduct themselves as at a religious service. By laying down too strict rules for their conduct, they defeated their object. The Bishop was particularly emphatic in saying that smoking should be allowed to those who wished it. His remarks gave rise to a terrible hullabaloo and doubtless this proposal of the Edmonton directors will do so as well. But if they want to

make the association a really useful body and to set an excellent example to other branches throughout the Dominion they should persist in their cause. There is no harm in smoking and it undoubtedly promotes sociability. And if they are going to have a billiard room, why not also a card room? It is true that cards are sometimes abused and used for gambling purposes. But so is billiards and so is every game that is worth playing. Because they are, why should we abandon them? What is to be gained by leaving all the best games to the devil? Such a policy cannot be defended. As long as human nature is what it is, the best things in life will be turned to improper uses. What is true of card-playing is true of all sorts of out-door games, of the stage and of practically every other agency of amusement or instruction. I venture to say that if those behind the Y. M. C. A. project stick to the programme which they have announced, they will get a much larger measure of support than if they depend for support on those who raise their hands in holy horror at the very mention of the diversions which will always be indulged in by the large majority of the youths of the land.

In spite of all the serious world Of all the thumbs that ever

twirled
Of every broad-brim-shaded brow
Of every tongue that e'er said
"thou."

Puritanical notions have no place in the West. In a big, broad country like this we want men who are men in every sense of the word. We admire real goodness, but not the sham virtue that is so often associated with religious movements. When one of the Pilgrim Fathers had his hat blown off on his way to church, he was permitted to run after it but only on condition that he ran reverently. At most Y. M. C. A. rooms, the members are supposed to take their amusements reverently or not at all. Get away from these ideas Mr. Churchworker and be natural, otherwise you make a laughing-stock of yourself among all level-headed persons.

The season is at hand when young married people prepare to keep down house-keeping expenses by raising such vegetables as they need in their backyards. For the first few weeks the little plot is watched lovingly. Then the freshness of the occupation wears off and by July the weeds begin to choke up the season's growth. The best laid plans gang aft aglee and we could all tell of dismal failures on the part of young gardening enthusiasts. The worst that I have ever heard of came to my knowledge last year. A newly married young friend came home one night:

"Well, dear, how are the tomatoes you planted?"

"Oh, John! I'm afraid we'll have to buy what we need, this year," was the reply.

"Why, how's that, Mary?"

"The explanation was given amid tears."

"I recollected today that when I did the planting I forgot to open the cans!"

I suppose that I am foolish to confess that I ever read the Ladies' Home Journal, but the other day I had occasion to glance over the page of humorous anecdotes which it publishes each month. I don't know whether it is always the same but for a publication that occupies its position, some of the alleged jokes which it publishes this month are about the poorest and stalest ever. Among them is one that, in a form that prevents its being told in mixed company, has gone the rounds of gatherings of men for at least twenty years back. The editor of the Ladies' Home Journal now dresses it up in more innocent form for the delectation of his subscribers.

Here is another old, but good one, which the magazine in question publishes:

A certain prosy preacher recently gave an endless discourse on the prophets. First he dwelt at length on the minor prophets. At last he finished them, and the congregation gave a sigh of relief. He took a long breath, and continued: "Now, I shall proceed to the major prophets." After the major prophets had received more than ample attention, the congregation gave another sigh of relief. "Now that I have finished with the minor prophets and the major prophets what about Jeremiah? Where is Jeremiah's place?" At this point a tall man arose in the back of the church. "Jeremiah can have my place," he said, "I'm going home."

In a book showing all
Of the gowns great and small
Wives have donned since the world
Was begun

That first dress of Eve's,
Constructed of leaves,
Should be properly labelled
"Fig. 1."

THE LOUNGER.

The Dentist Went Mad

And Pulled Every Tooth in the Patient's Head

A terrible adventure befell the secretary of a well-known French Deputy while visiting his dentist recently, and the details have just become public at the trial.

He had been suffering from toothache and went to have the troublesome tooth extracted. He sat down in a chair and had just begun to explain his trouble when the dentist shouted out: "All right! I'll have them all out for you in a minute."

The secretary attempted to state that he merely wanted one tooth taken out, but he stopped short when he saw the dentist produce a revolver. Pointing the weapon at the secretary's head, the dentist exclaimed: "If you move a muscle while I'm taking out your teeth you are a dead man."

The secretary saw that he was at the mercy of a madman, and remained perfectly still while the dentist put the revolver back in his pocket and proceeded to draw the teeth. One by one they were pulled out, the madman drawing the revolver whenever the patient exhibited any signs of protest.

When eight teeth had been wrenched out the madman said: "That will do. You have been very quiet. Three francs, if you please."

The secretary paid at once, staggered out of the room and went to the nearest police station. A force of police was sent, and when they entered the room the madman opened fire on them. He shot one of the constables in the arm and another in the leg before he was knocked down and handcuffed.

Prof. McLennan Coming.

The Secretary of the Board of Trade has been advised by Professor McLennan of Toronto University that he will lecture in Edmonton on the Metric system of weights and measures on May 15th. Mr. McLennan is director of the Physical Laboratory of the University, and is commissioned by the Dominion Government to deliver a series of lectures at all the more important centres throughout the Dominion, for the purpose of explaining the metric system.

The metric system is a decimal system applied to weights and measures, and is said to be as far ahead of our present system of pounds, bushels, yards, etc., as our dollars and cents are ahead of the pounds, shillings and pence still used across the Atlantic. As the Government are going to considerable trouble and expense in connection with Prof. McLennan's educative tour, it is hoped that a large number of representative business men and farmers will avail themselves of this opportunity to hear an interesting explanation of an interesting subject.

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This is but the 19th week of issue for The Saturday News. When its publication was begun the management was prepared to wait for it to gain a strong hold upon the people of the city and province, knowing that anything which appeals simply on the strength of solid merit has usually to expect this delay in recognition. Each week, however, we have striven to turn out as bright and readable and, at the same time, useful paper as was in our power. Our efforts have fortunately been appreciated to a much greater extent than was looked for. It is evident that the best is none too good for Edmonton and Alberta.

Everyone has heard of that notorious individual known as the circulation liar. Modern newspaper methods are, however, making him a much less prominent personage than he was a few years ago. It is no longer considered good policy for a newspaper to make claims as to its circulation and ask the advertiser to accept the mere statement of the solicitor who makes them. The business man who has studied the science of advertising, for it has become a science, insists that the opportunity should be given him to verify these claims for himself. Advertising space is valuable owing to the quantity and quality of a paper's circulation, and when he buys it he has as much right to know what he is buying as when he purchases any other commodity.

The Saturday News proposes that the advertiser should know exactly what it has to offer, and at the top of this column it will publish each week a statement of the circulation of the week previous, along with figures showing the rate at which the circulation is growing. Further than this it invites any advertiser to come and inspect its mailing list and record of street and newsstand sales in order to verify for himself the published figures. On application a sworn statement will be furnished. **The Saturday News is the first paper in Edmonton to take the advertiser strictly into its confidence.** That the business men of the city will appreciate the legitimacy of its methods of soliciting business we have every reason to believe.

Every week at least 1500 papers are printed and circulated. On several occasions the total has gone up to 2000. As was to be expected with a new publication, the whole of these papers have not gone to regular customers. A large number of sample copies have been sent out to prospective subscribers. But last week the circulation of The Saturday News, outside of these free samples, was 1010 copies. The figure is not large, a one as that which is being claimed for some other papers, but it represents bona-fide circulation, and we ask the business men of the city and district to take careful note of the way in which it grows from week to week. Going into the homes of Edmonton and the surrounding country as it does at the end of the week we can safely claim that the paper is already read by between four and five thousand people. And it is not a paper that is picked up and merely glanced over. A publication of its character is always read much more thoroughly than is the case with an ordinary newspaper. It is perused by people in their leisure hours at the end of the week. It is needless to point out how much better value as an advertising medium it is thus able to give. The arrangement of its pages and the policy of the management to always have the reading matter predominate keeps it from being a mere advertising sheet and enables it to give the best of service to both advertiser and subscriber. We maintain that no newspaper gives better value to the business man. He at least has this advantage in patronizing the Saturday News that it is open to him to find out what he is buying.

The Alberta Farmer

The Alberta Farmers' Association will hold a general meeting in Calgary on May 9th next. Half-fare rates can be obtained by all farmers desiring to attend. The association is speedily attaining the object that it set before itself, to become the representative farmers' organization of the whole province. In its initial stages it was confined for the most part to Northern Alberta. But it is reaching out rapidly and this Calgary gathering will further accentuate the movement.

It would be difficult to find a man better qualified for his work than W. F. Stevens, the new secretary of the association. Mr. Stevens managed the seed fair in Edmonton last winter, the success of which, as readers of the Saturday News know, was remarkable. The Strathcona Chronicle pays the following well-deserved tribute:

The selection of Mr. Stevens as secretary treasurer is a wise one. He is a practical agriculturist and has the interests of the farmers at heart. When the need for a means of disposing of the large surplus of hogs raised in this district became apparent some time ago Mr. Stevens interested himself in the question, and his work resulted in several large packing firms sending representatives here to investigate the conditions, and it is probable that a packing house will be established here in the near future. Mr. Stevens acted as manager of the seed fair lately held in Edmonton. He is chairman of the Clover Bar Public School Board, and is serving his second term as president of the Creamery Association of that district and his third term as councillor of the local improvement district. The great improvement of the roads in Clover Bar since his election to the office is a silent testimony to his efforts. He is a man of broad mind and liberal views, and does not talk as if men were divided into two classes, farmers and rascals.

A meeting of the farmers of the Mannville district was held recently at which it was decided to form a branch of the Alberta Farmers' Association. The following officers were elected: President, James Bryden; Vice-President, Geo. H. Whitsien; Sec.-Treas., C. Yardley Weaver; Directors, R. G. Scott, Thos. Bell, J. Finlay, Wm. Laidlaw, A. Boc Arnold.

Some of our farmers have been getting cold feet over the fall wheat problem. The same thing occurs every spring. Last year a man in our community plowed up some of his wheat thinking it had winter-killed. What was left went 20 bushels to the acre. Give the wheat a chance. As long as the roots are strong there is life in the plant.—Claresholm Review.

The officers of the branch of the Farmers' Association formed recently at Red Deer are: President, Jos. Cole; Vice-President, Jas. Bowker; Directors, J. Comer, T. Hoskin, S. Wilson, A. Wilson, W. S. Metcalf and A. Jorgenson.

The committee which canvassed the farmers of Red Deer regarding the establishment of a pork packing plant feel confident that the project can be carried through. It is likely, however, that Innisfail and some other towns will be united with.

In this month's issue of the Farmer's Advocate appears a photo of Miss Jessie Holbrook, who secured the prize for Mill Creek school district and special premium for the Strathcona electoral district, awarded by the management of the Edmonton Seed Fair for the best essay on the wheat plant. Miss Holbrook is an Australian and has only been in Canada a few months, her father having leased the Cameron farm just south of Strathcona. Miss Holbrook's agricultural education has certainly not been neglected in the land of her birth. Her father, Samuel Holbrook, gained a widespread reputation for cheese, not only in Queensland where the factory was situated, but for hundreds of miles into the adjoining colonies or states. This is the kind of new-comer to build up the great Canadian west.

John Sanford writes:—

The adjacent townships east of Strathcona are suffering great loss through the poisoning of their cattle by "Water Hemlock" this year again. Altogether I have been made acquainted with the loss of some 200 head. I would strongly advise my neighbors to search their creeks, sloughs and lake shores for this poisonous plant. Any person ignorant of the nature of the weed can, on application, be supplied with pamphlets describing the same at the Government office of Noxious Weeds Dept., Edmonton, or on request I would be pleased to show the actual plant.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN SANFORD,
N.W. 16-52-22.

The first Calgary general market was held last week. The attendance was not so large as hoped for, but the quality of produce displayed was excellent. For the best display of produce, Simons & Bowman received the first prize, T. S. Packer second prize and C. W. Perry third prize. Mrs. J. H. Totting received the prize for making the first purchase of over two dollars, and Mrs. J. Stokes the second prize.

The foundation of the brick elevator at St. Albert gave way last week, the building, containing 15,000 bushels of grain, toppling over against the mill. The mill and elevator were built last fall by the municipality but were being operated by a company.

A creamery is being projected at Lamont.

The establishment of a sugar factory is being projected in Strathcona, beets from the vicinity showing excellent quality.

There is a great scarcity of horses in Cariboo County in British Columbia, according to J. Coulson of Strathcona, who recently returned from that province after taking two carloads of horses there.

E. A. East, late of Worcestershire, England, has leased the Allen farm, south of Strathcona.

An active canvass on behalf of the Y.M.C.A. building is being entered upon. T. M. Turnbull has been chosen president of the Board; Principal Riddell, vice-president; Dr. Smith, secretary; H. H. Hull, treasurer; and C. E. Rice and Arthur Mowat, directors.



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dreary winter months, with their
gloomy woods, snow-clad fields and
frozen waterways; forward to the
merry springtime and the promises
of a summer of roses and wine.

Let them prate of the lands of
eternal sunshine, but surely the
dwellers in the tropics can never
feel the thrill, the quickening
pulse, the yearly rejuvenation ex-
perienced by us denizens of the
north at this time of the year, that
more than compensate one for the
four dreary months of frost and
snow.

Go where you will on a bright
April day, be it town or country,
everything is calling, "The spring-
tide, the merry springtide." In the
tree-tops round the lot the little
bands of Red Poles are singing
their tiny song, surely the very
smallest in all Birdland, but none
the less sweet for all its minuteness,
dropping every now and then to
the ground to feed on the seeds of
the lamb's quarter and fire weed
they love so well. They rise again,
shake out their feathers and call
"sweet," "sweet" to some pass-
ing straggler. Down he comes to
join the twittering chorists, and so
the little band increases day by
day till one morning when we hear
them far away up in the blue sky;
then "sweet," "sweet" inter-
mingled with the shriller call of
the snow buntings, for the wind is
from the south and they are wing-
ing their way to the fir-woods of
the Northland. A prosperous
breeding season to you, little wan-
derers. 'Tis the last we shall see
of you till the green mantle of the
summer woods is beginning to
change to the golden splendor of
the autumn tints. But the loss of
a Redpole does not mar a summer
more than the gain of one swallow
will make it, for who will miss
their tiny trill in the galaxy of
feathered talent fast rolling up
from the south. Still they have
been with us the winter through,
and we gaze half wistfully into the
blue expanse and strain our ears to
the utmost to catch the last faint
echo of the "sweet," "sweet,"
"sweet" that has cheered our
winter walks, be the weather never
so pitiless.

On the manure heap at the back
of the barn the English Sparrow is
strutting in all his arrogance or
calling from the gutters round the
eaves in bold-faced shamelessness
to the females of his kind. What
a rollicking bully he is, fighting
and flirting, chirping and strutting,

and what an air about him of "See
what a fine fellow I am." He
does not in the least realise he is
an intruder and far from welcome,
and that some of his future genera-
tions must reap the fruits of his
temerity in braving the perils of
the ocean and a strange land, in
the shape of poisoned grain and the
old muzzel-loader. But he is here
to stay, shoot or poison we never
so wisely, for the future will show
that the English Sparrows, like the
poor, "are always with us."

The pigeons are sitting on the
sunny side of the stable roof luxu-
riating in the sun bath or wheeling
in merry circles overhead, their
silvery blue and snow white plum-
age throwing off a metallic like
lustre as the sun strikes them in
their circling flight, alighting every
now and then on the market place
to feed on the scattered grain left
over from the midday meal of the
farmer's team. Up again they go,
clapping merrily back to their
perch on the barn to swell out a
crowing lullaby to their gentle
mates on their nest in the loft be-
neath. What recollections of other
times the cooing of the pigeons
brings back to one, the faintails
strutting on the red tiles round the
school house of the little midland
town of our boyhood, the day of a
great race from La Rochelle when
the pick of the northern fancy are
striving to do their five hundred
miles 'twixt daylight and dark or
some old world farmhouse by the
winding Avon of Shakespeare's
land, where we whipped the trout
stream or lay on the sloping banks
and let the world slip and listened
to the rustling of the waters while
the faint hum of the bees mingled
with the cooing of the wood
pigeons, wafted by the summer
breezes from the quiet of the wood-
lands. Oh! golden gift of memory
with its shadows and its sunshine,
the sombre shadows of bitter ex-
perience, the golden sunshine of
many a summer's day. Had old
Greeks and Romans a god or
goddess of the recollections of the
past, surely the temple of the deity
was never spacious enough to hold
the bands of votives to worship at
the shrine.

CLAUDE ROBERTSON.

Mr. A. LaRiviere, of Edmonton
arrived from the city last Thurs-
day evening. He contemplates
purchasing an interest in the hotel
at St. Paul's crossing. Mr. La
Riviere believes that point is des-
tined to be a great pleasure and
sporting resort in the near future
as the lake there teems with fine
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BY CHARLES LEWIS SHAW

ARTICLE No. III

Till we are built like angels, with hammer, and chisel, and pen, We will work for ourselves and a woman, for ever and ever, Amen

—Rudyard Kipling.

✦ We didn't know what was the matter with us in those old days, that is those who were under forty and unmarried. The parsons talked vaguely about original sin and the few ladies of Edmonton peered out through the narrow windows of their sheltered homes in calm disapproval of dissipations which were impossible for them to understand. And we? We kept our eyes on every stage for the flutter of a skirt which might be the signal of our fate and in default inspected the addresses of the whiskey permits.

The homeless, loveless' lives of the young and red-blooded explain much of the dissipation of the Edmonton that was separated from the girl-crowded lands we had left by a week's railroad journey and five days of stage-coach.

If along the banks of the Saskatchewan are scattered the shattered hulks of many wrecked lives it may be that the soft, kindly beacon of home, love and children could be held aloft to but few of us. We weren't quite as bad as people might think who look back through the vista of years with modern standards. ✦

"Jim," said I one night to a warm personal friend in his own shack where I had sought him under instructions from Lafferty & Moore, the bankers of Edmonton of the Eighties, to whom he was indebted on an over-drawn account and under chattel mortgage. "Jim, I am under positive instructions to take action at once against you for the amount of your over-draft and also to foreclose the chattel mortgage on all your stock—unless"—here I lowered my voice for I didn't wish the One in the next room who was listening in the monotonous sing-song of the half-breed an old hymn tune she had learned at the Mission in her childhood, to hear what so nearly concerned her—"unless you give up your present relationship and manner of life. You know as well as I do that it invariably spells ruin, both moral and business, to every white man who lives it."

The strongly marked face of the same, virile man addressed became drawn with intensity of thought. Complete financial disaster stared him in the face and he had lived longer in the west and understood more fully than I the truth of the warning. His lips quivered for a moment and he was about to speak and I felt that conventionality, business interests and the traditions of the white race had won, when there was the patter of soft, baby feet on the uncarpeted floor and a little night-gowned figure tottered falteringly with outstretched arms and a crowd of delight from the adjoining bed-room towards its father. The woman well knew 'her man,'

the sound of a stifled sob came from the inner room and then all was silence as a man's whole future hung in the balance.

With baby persistency the little one, gurgling her words in English, French and Cree, clambered to its father's knee, buried its curly head on his shoulder and clasped with tiny, waxen fingers his great strong thumb.

There was an unwonted dewy softness in the small, hard, keen eyes of the young western man as he looked straight into mine and held out his hand, the thumb tightly clasped by the baby fingers.

"That's what holds me, old man, holds me tighter than any mortgage or promissory note will ever hold. That's my answer."

And I wasn't big enough or cur enough to say a word as I quietly went away leaving father and child in each other's arms in the little shack.

We were, under the circumstances, fairly conventional, however, on the North Saskatchewan and the observance of the Decalogue was at least encouraged. Popular opinion favored matrimony and from Lac St. Anne to the Beaver Hills there were many "Barkuses" who were perfectly "willin'." Either personally or vicariously we were all match-makers the moment the news of the coming of a sister, a cousin or an aunt, a governess, a school-mistress or a servant girl spread throughout the district. Many of the matrons of the Edmonton of to-day little know how the spark of hope and love was ignited in our breasts as a brother, or an uncle would hand us a photograph saying: "My sister, my cousin or my aunt who is coming up to keep house for me in the spring. I'm tired of batching." And with the proverbial blindness of male relations little did they think of the deep designs fostered in the minds and hearts of many of their guests to change if possible the current of domestic comfort as they looked at the smiling, simpering or demure face in the photograph.

Even John A. McDougall between business and blushes became a matchmaker. He had not been always so disposed. The servant-girl question was an acute one in those early days and the difficulties of good domestic service with native women as the only source of supply were manifold. In the first years of his domestic life Mr. McDougall sought to overcome the discomforts of inefficient or inadequate domestic help by importing servant maids from the maid-crowded Province of Ontario. It failed. They would no sooner become acclimated and learn the geography of Mr. McDougall's kitchen than it would be announced blushing that they intended to "give notice" as they were going to be married.

Mr. McDougall, as his success

has shown, was a business man, a resourceful man as well as a humane man. He knew he couldn't tether his marrying servant-girls to the leg of the kitchen table, or hobble them like refractory bronchos. He knew public opinion would be up in arms against a professedly Christian merchant who would set spring guns in his garden and a man-trap on his kitchen door-step, so having the conventional respect for a written contract, he, when in Ontario, on a business trip, chose an angular, middle-aged woman with an unalluring cast in her eye, and an incipient moustache and bound her down, as he thought, with a cast-iron contract not to marry for three years. She came, she saw and she—conquered. Love laughs at contracts as well as locksmiths and Mr. McDougall learned that contracts in restraint of marriage were contrary to the spirit of British law. He was a good loser and became the match-maker par excellence of the district.

One day a customer from Stoney Plains, a young bachelor with more than the ordinary allowance of loneliness in his eyes, said to Mr.

McDougall in the intervals of shopping:

"Say, Johnnie, I'm gettin' dead sick of it all. I'm thinkin' of pullin' out of the country to a place where there are more people scattered among the scenery. I'll either do that or wake up some fine morning and find myself married to a squaw."

"Neither is necessary" said McDougall gravely, the light of a great purpose shining in his eyes. "There is a fine looking, good woman working over at my place. Why not make a break and try your luck. She is a good, strong, hard-working girl, only ten or fifteen years older than you are. She's a determined sort of girl that knows her own mind and she'll either have you or knock you cold with a rolling pin in two or three days. She's from the County of Bruce."

"How'll I get a chance to hand out the regular amount of courtin' a girl like that thinks is comin' to her?" asked the amorous swain from Stoney Plains.

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potatoes in that kitchen-garden of mine want hoeing. Now you go up and hoe those potatoes and take your time about it and you'll be right in the radius of her vision for two or three days. And when you want to have a word or two with her why go into the kitchen and ask for a drink of water. The courting and love-making you'll have to attend to yourself. That cannot be done by proxy except in Royal families."

"Two days elapsed and Mr. McDougall noticed the love-light beginning to gather in the eyes of his middle-aged waiting maid and in the off-handedness of the democratic west, said:

"That's a fine young fellow that has been working in the garden the last few days, Mary. What do you think of him?"

"There was a faint blush on Mary's cheeks, a slight hesitancy in his answer and a worried look on her round face.

"He is that, Mr. McDougall, sure, a fine strapping young man, but I can't help thinkin' there's somethin' wrong with him inside. He's drunk a barrel and a half of cold water in two days and he's thirsty yet. Fine and well set up as he is, I'm thinkin' the poor boy must be holler."

But the engagement was announced next day.

The wooing of the North Saskatchewan varied considerably from the conventional rules that governed the social life of older communities. When the young ladies and widows of one particular race became exhausted or tired of saying "no" there was a tendency on the part of some of the surplus bachelors to become Mavericks of their kind and to wander far afield. Their anorous ventures occasionally culminated at the altar.

Once upon a time I was a churchwarden. As Private Mulvaney says, "I was a corporal, wanst. I was reduced afterwards, but I was a corporal wanst. I was that."

One of the important duties of this ecclesiastical office in Edmonton nearly twenty years ago, beyond taking up the collection, was the custody of the key of the church, then picturesquely placed on the borders of the Groat estate, commanding a beautiful view of the Hudson Bay flats, the Saskatchewan and the wooded heights of the South Bank.

One morning I was interrupted in the drawing of a deed, a cork, a full house or one of the many and varied occupations of a practising barrister of those early days, by a boy who asked, in the name of Canon Newton, for the key of the church.

It was Tuesday. I couldn't remember that it was a saint's day, and a few enquiries elicited the fact that the key was desired for a marriage service.

News of that kind was sufficient to suspend the course of an action in the High Court, re-cork a half-

depleted bottle of seven year old cause a man to lay down four of a kind without a murmur in an unlimited game.

When the little messenger announced the names of the contracting parties there was a wild and weird curiosity on the part of the churchwarden to deliver the key of the church in person and thereby run a chance of seeing the wedding ceremony, for the said contracting parties were not what might be called of the marrying kind. They have gone over the border and far away these long years, and this reference to a forgotten incident will not hurt their feelings or those of anybody else.

She was a young and decidedly pretty girl, with a pair of black eyes in whose depths could be seen the devilry of half a dozen races to which she was allied by blood. He was a blundering, big, bovine specimen of callow youth, whose people in Ontario had provided him through some small political influence with an insignificant position in the Indian Department in the West.

"So Louise is going to marry Bill—this morning?" I said to her father, as I pressed through the crowd of stalwart brothers of the bride grouped about the church door and inserted the key in the lock.

The grim face of the strong-featured half-breed father relaxed into a smile and he muttered, "Oui, m'sieur," as he placed his hand significantly on the chamber of the rifle he carried, and his sturdy sons grunted forth the Cree "Eheh."

When the big, shambling, awkward Ontario youth and the pretty, dare-devil witch of the Saskatchewan stood before little Canon Newton, who was arrayed in full canonicals, the bridegroom gave one hunted look about the church, only to meet the earnest looks of the bride's kinsmen, and then resigned himself to his fate.

In the well-modulated accents of the educated Anglican priest the marriage service went on.

It was a reluctant, faltering "I will" that was given by Bill to the all-important question, but when the clear voice of the clergyman asked the bride, "Will thou have this man to be thy wedded husband," etc. etc., the light of victory came into the bold black eyes of the bare-footed girl, her red lips parted in a triumphant smile, the nervous caressing of her pretty ankle by the bare toes of her other foot ceased, and in a voice that nearly knocked the Book of Common Prayer out of the little clergyman's hands, she said in vibrant broken English, "You bet your sweet life." X

The Vegreville Observer, after a four weeks' existence, has been sold by W. W. Smith to A. L. Horton, of Carberry, Man.



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Last week there was commenced the series of articles by Charles Lewis Shaw. The fact that the management of the Saturday News has procured the services of a man of his reputation shows the scale on which it is intended to produce the paper.

From a literary and typographical standpoint, no paper has ever been issued in Alberta to compare with it.

Viewed from every standpoint it is not a paper the city and province should be proud to support?

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F. L. Harris of Edmonton has purchased section 13, just west of Vegreville, from McDougall & Secord, paying \$50 an acre. "Vegreville," said Mr. Harris to the Vegreville Observer "in my opinion, will be the best town between Dauphin and Edmonton. In addition to the backing of a good country, she has the most wide-awake class of business men it has been my pleasure to meet anywhere along the line. The town is simply bound to grow, and I predict that within two years Vegreville will have a population of 2,000."

While in Red Deer, the Lieutenant Governor and the members of the Legislature planted trees in the town grounds in honor of the visit. The Red Deer News says: "These trees will form a living proof of the

honor paid to Red Deer; and growing larger and stronger with the passing years, will also be illustrative of the expanding energies of a town which, even in its initial era, was important enough to take high rank as a claimant for the capital, and to receive as signal recognition of its claims a visit from Alberta's Government."

Cushing Bros. & Co. having decided to close their retail lumber business at Vegreville, the yard at this point has been purchased by Messrs. A. I. Walker and F. W. Ervin, the new firm to be known as the Vegreville Lumber Co.

Before Inspector Duffus, of the R. N. W. M. P., last week, David Judd, who lives four miles east of Shepard, was fined \$25 for starting a prairie fire. The police are on the track of several other cases. They are determined to do every-

thing possible to put a stop to the enormous damage which fires are causing.

A correspondent at Athabasca Landing writes: Mr. John B. McDougall has returned to the Landing after a long and arduous ride after Mr. A. Livingstone, the engineer gone to the Peace River country. Mr. A. Livingstone arrived at the Landing too late to proceed on his journey on the ice, having no alternative but to wait for open water, or to cut up his road to the portage, there crossing the river on rafts. Mr. McDougall reports that the party had a hard time indeed but have with great energy completed a fine wagon road to Moose portage. This will open up the country and we are told that there is indeed some fine land to be had there.

The union distributed \$4000

worth of provisions among the striking miners at Lethbridge last week. Each man receives five pounds of meat weekly, and if a married man an additional five pounds and two and a half pounds for each child. In addition to this other necessities are distributed.

The body of Graham Briggs was found in a slough, two miles southwest of Innisfail on Friday morning last. He went out hunting on November 4th last and did not return. An unsuccessful search was made for him. The unfortunate man is supposed to have fallen through thin ice when after ducks. He was a brother of Vincent Briggs of Calgary, and was visiting Canada for the purpose of recruiting his health, having sustained an attack of malarial fever in the West Indies.

In the Athletic World.

At the Ball Game

I have sat upon the bleachers,
With the yelling, shouting crowd;
In the grandstand I have nestled,
With the wealthy and the proud.
I have been in many places,
But the one that was immense
Was when a boy I used to seek
The knot-hole in the fence.

'Twas a knot-hole I had whittled,
Big enough to fit my eye;
I could see the pitcher working,
And the fielders chase a fly;
I could always see the runner,
Though the crowd was big and dense;
I could always tell the players
Through the knot hole in the fence.

It was there I always hurried
After school, and there I stayed;
Nor ever thought of leaving,
Till the final out was made.
It was there you'd find me peering,
With my features drawn and tense;
For I often grew excited,
At that knot-hole in the fence.

I have tried the different places,
Back of third I thought was great;
I've sat just back of first and now
I sit behind the plate.
But something there is lacking,
I know not how or whence;
For games seemed more exciting
Through that knot-hole in the fence.

Calgary proposes to spend \$24,000 on parks during the summer, part of which amount will be devoted to providing fenced-in athletic grounds, where the different clubs can play. This certainly should be made a feature of any complete park scheme. It is not too late for the city to come to the aid of the proposed Edmonton Athletic Association. As was pointed out last week, properly handled, such a scheme need not only be no burden to the ratepayers but may be even the means of helping to bear the cost of maintaining the purely ornamental parks. Calgary is evidently disposed to learn from the experience of other cities.

It looks as if baseball will be introduced into England. Lacrosse is already fairly popular there. Many of the Rhodes scholars at Oxford from the United States are experts at baseball, and they are numerous enough to be able to make up two pretty evenly-matched nines. The game has aroused some interest among the Oxford undergraduates, though it has not yet succeeded in gaining a place among recognized college sports. Some enterprising Americans have, however, become convinced that a league will be successful, and propose to try it anyway. Already the preliminary steps have been taken to form a club in London, and, it is said, that Richard Croker is back of a movement to start another in Dublin. If these prove successful, others will be formed, and the British international league will follow. It is the purpose to bring over several professionals from the States to help get the game going in proper shape.

The sporting editor of the Winnipeg Free Press makes the following very complimentary reference to a gentleman who has proven a good friend of athletics to Edmonton, one of the proprietors of the Pendennis Hotel:

Harry Finch, who in the good old days when the 90th and Winnipeg lacrosse teams struggled so desperately for the mastery, was known only as "Nigger," the star goalkeeper of the regimental twelve, is now a boniface at Edmonton. It did not take the lacrosse enthusiasts of the hustling Alberta capital long to get wise to their good for-

tune, and at the annual meeting of the club Harry was unanimously elected president. In accepting office he did so on the strict understanding that the team would be run on bona-fide amateur principles. "As long as I am connected with this club," not a player will receive a cent," was the ultimatum laid down by Mr. Finch, and this determined stand met with hearty approval. If there were more men like Harry Finch connected with so-called amateur clubs, the line between the two classes in sport could be drawn distinctly and would not be like Euclid's definition, purely imaginary.

The city baseball intermediates have organized and propose to have a busy season. The following officers have been chosen: Patrons, E. Raymer, Mr. Jackson, of Stanley & Jackson, and A. York; Hon. President, Mayor May; President, John Sommerville, Jr.; Vice-President, Mr. Crowbridge, of the Government offices; Secretary-treasurer, Arnold Johnston; Manager, J. A. McKinnon.

The work on the baseball grounds near the C. N. R. has proceeded rapidly. A fence has been erected and the grounds are being levelled. A grandstand in the northeast corner and bleachers will enable the club to accommodate a big crowd.

Alberta College baseballists were defeated by the boys from across the river by 14 to 8 on Saturday afternoon. The game was an exceedingly interesting one.

The football club has suffered much by a series of unfortunate accidents to some of its leading players.

The Juniors played their first cricket game on Thursday of last week. Good weather was enjoyed and there was some excellent cricket. The boys are showing great interest and should prosper. Prizes have been already promised, two for the Public School and two for the Westward Ho boys. These will be given for the best bowler and for the best batting in each school. It is hoped that prizes will also be offered for the best fielding, which is after all the most important part of the game and needs to be encouraged. The club has not yet succeeded in arranging any outside matches, no reply having yet been received from the Western Canada College in Calgary. Such competition would ensure greater success. The days decided to play on are Monday, Thursday and Saturday, and the club is open to those who are under 16.

Wm. Ford, a young Scotchman, aged 30 years, who was stricken down by paralysis some time ago, died in the Public Hospital Sunday night. He had no friends or relatives in the country.

The Strathcona gentlemen who have applied for the incorporation of the Strathcona Club are Messrs. F. H. Sache, F. C. Jamieson, R. B. Douglas, A. G. Baalim, J. H. Tranter, G. F. Downes, H. F. Sandeman, W. H. Sheppard, O. Bush, Dr. W. McIntyre and W. M. Hill.

Dr. Hotson is looking after the practice of Dr. McIntyre, M.P., of Strathcona, while the latter is in Ottawa.

Musical and Dramatic.

Miss Ellen Terry has been on the stage fifty years, and is this week celebrating her Jubilee. To those who have seen her in one of her great characterizations it seems almost impossible to believe that a woman of her charm and sprightliness has passed half a century before the footlights. On April 28, 1856, she played Mamilus in Charles Kean's production of "A Winter's Tale." Sunday evening a great dinner in her honor will be given at the Hotel Cecil. That she may be spared for many years yet to give delight to the theatregoers will be the sincere wish of admirers the world over. Let us hope she will remain even long enough before the public to have the privilege of playing in Edmonton. It seems a long while off now before we shall have an opera house which will bring within our borders the great stars of the theatrical firmament. But things move rapidly in the west and the next five years will see a great change. Winnipeg but a short while ago was as badly off as we are now. But there are few really good companies out on the road now which pass by the Manitoba capital. It had a week of grand opera this year. Quite recently the barnstormer reigned supreme in its theatrical life.

The fact that Albani is coming to sing here shows how fast Edmonton is moving. Mr. Stutchbury is meeting with the greatest encouragement from the music-lovers of the city and district and a bumper house is sure to greet the great soprano at the Thistle rink on the evening of May 9th.

Many probably are heard to say "Well these high class concerts may be all right for some, but as for me, I cannot appreciate them." For the benefit of any such that there may be in this community, it might be interesting to mention that the Albani programme will be one that every man, woman or child attending can thoroughly enjoy and appreciate. Madame Albani herself will be heard in at least six selections in our own language, included in which will be "Home Sweet Home" and Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar." Mile. Gauthier, the contralto, will also be heard in popular English selections. The baritone, Mr. Archdeacon, will sing nothing but English, and his encores will consist entirely of little comic Irish songs, in the singing of which he has attained a reputation second to none in all Britain. This will be the last opportunity we shall ever have of hearing Madame Albani, and none should miss the occasion, which is bound to be the most enjoyable of the kind we have ever had here.

Rev. W. B. Fortune of Cranbrook will supply at Queen's Avenue Presbyterian Church for three Sundays.

Rev. Mr. Myers and his wife returned to Calgary on Monday. While here they were guests at the home of Ald. R. J. Manson.

The souvenirs to be presented to Wm. Mackenzie, D. D. Mann, R. J. Mackenzie and W. A. Brown of the C.N.R., by those who went to Winnipeg in January as the guests of that railway were forwarded this week. They consist of beautiful sterling silver pieces.

So far as known none of the friends of people from this district suffered in the San Francisco disaster. Jackson Hanby received word from his brother that he was safe, but had lost everything except the clothes on his back. A Cristall's wife and family are safe.

In the recent Strathcona election Dr. McIntyre polled 1044 votes less than Mr. Talbot did in 1904 and Dr. Crang 577 less than Mr. Bush.

The Bishop of St. Albert dedicated a church at Claresholm last Sunday.

Alfred Spencer, a pioneer citizen of Okotoks, who died a week ago Saturday, bequeathed \$10 a month to a aunt for her life and the balance of his property to Rev. Mr. James, of St. Peter's Church, Okotoks.

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The Mirror

MEMORIES.

(Good Housekeeping.)

I remember, I remember,
The gowns I used to wear;
The yellow figured jaconet,
The purple sprigged molair.
They always were a bit too long,
Or else not long enough;
And often, in the latter case,
Pieced out with different stuff.

I remember, I remember,
The roses red and white,
Upon my bayadere barege
(It must have been a sight!),
My sofferino lularine—
My lilac satin—
We gave that to an orphan child
(The child is living yet).

I remember, I remember,
My magenta wool delaine;
My salmon taglioni, too
(‘Twas lined with satin jeau);
My lovely light blue empress cloth,
Picked out with bands of dove,
I wore the night Joe came to call
And told me of his love.

I remember, I remember,
Those gowns so quaint and queer;
I wore them with a happy heart
For many a happy year.
I have an ivory satin now,
Embroidered fair with pearl;
But, ah, I'm further off from heaven
Than when I was a girl.

Standing dressed for a Ball one evening a little friend of mine whose walk in life lies along the humbler ways, looked longingly at my gown and sighingly said "I'd give anything I ever hope to possess just to own one dress like that and to attend one single dance such as you are going to to-night." Oh the naturalness of the wish, for you and I, my readers, have once, yes oftentimes, duplicated that girl's longing, and sighed regretfully as sister, or aunt, or mother was whirled away to some social function or as our eyes followed our neighbor's automobile or rested longingly on his brown-stone front. "For to admire and for to see," is in most cases to desire and to covet.

You began doing this when you were a child in pinafores, when your eyes first rested on your playmate's new Sunday suit and the thought came how glorious it would be if only for a day, to masquerade around in such fine feathers. As you grew older your ideas changed. Now it was the longing for a silk gown, later on for something bigger. But if you ever came up with the time when you seemingly had everything that heart could wish for, I believe you looked back longingly to the little trials, thought lovingly of the worn gingham frockie time, would exchange gladly the ivory satin of to-day for the faded old sateen of the long ago. For the possession of much calls for a heavy payment in most cases—But little girls must buy this wisdom with much tribulation seeing we none of us will ever take another's word for it.

As Others See Us.

From my bedroom window, high above the main street, I have a magnificent view of the Saskatchewan River and Strathcona—also of some other things. What in the rush of the city street escapes me, is here borne in on me with double force. I notice among other things, that there are a great many silly men and women in the world—a fearful number of floppy walkers, many foolish old women, and an equal number of garrulous old men.

The latter here you but are otherwise harmless, but the skittish old women get on your nerves. Behold a woman of sixty in a hat made for

twenty, that really fine-looking old lady mincing along in a gown suitable for her granddaughter. Note too the would-be-giddy airs of her ladyship, and then register a vow that you personally will endeavor to grow old gracefully, decently and in order. I have the greatest sympathy in the world for a poor walker—knowing from sad experience how hard it is to cultivate a decent gait—but surely the extremely desirable result would well repay the effort. Passing my window are any number of good-looking and oft-times handsome men and women but nearly every one of them with a "hump" in his or her walk or a sloppy way of carrying themselves that absolutely spoils any good effect they might otherwise create. And then how silly some folk are to be sure! How they smirk and dance around, the man if a woman speaks to him, the woman vice versa. No dignity or poise—only a silly exhibition of what might very well be eliminated from a friendly meeting.

Studying the styles from a height is in itself rather amusing. It makes one consider well how many dressmakers and milliners' tastes can safely be trusted. There come too many wishes—one that the girl in the bright tan boots and very abbreviated skirts may one day see herself as others see her; again that the little modest girl who works in an office not far off, may have some one to tell her how sweet and wholesome she looks in her spotless simple shirt waist, her trig skirt and jaunty little hat. Such goodly taste in the latter case—such perverted notions in the other!

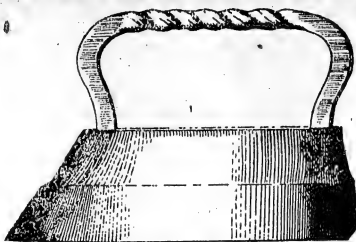
My little observation tower is all around a source of unending interest. It's like having a seat in the front row of a theatre—one sees so much if isn't intended one shall.

The Smoothers of the Way.

Thus ran the heading of a short editorial article in the May number of Harper's Bazaar, and being attracted by the title, I read what followed. A paragraph I reproduce:

"She always made things easier," was the tribute given a little while ago to a quiet woman, not much known outside the four walls of her household, and in a charity or two, but who yet left an aching void behind her when she passed on into the larger life. No one who knew her could help recognizing the simple completeness of the statement. From her husband to her housemaid, every one in the family felt his or her daily way smoothed and straightened by her tact and system and gentleness. She was a living example of George Eliot's saying, "What do we live for if it is not to make life less difficult for each other?"

As I read, there arose before me the faces of many smoothers of the way whom I have personally encountered in the course of my life. Some of them were overworked, delicate mothers—women whose lines had fallen in hard places, but who had the strength, through their love, to go through life smoothing the way for those near and dear to them. They were very often only appreciated when death had removed them from the family circle, but did not their reward come to them with the very service? Sisters too, I have known, and brothers also, who have been content to abandon promising futures



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that they might make the way a little less burdensome for aged parents or easier for the faltering feet of those who were younger and dependent on them. Surrounding us on all sides are these smoothers of the way; they are like beacon lights in a world of darkness and selfishness, and the only wonder of it is that there are so many of us blinded by our own egotism who fail, behind the plain, sometimes "queer" faces, to see the glory beyond.

My Lady.

She walks unnoticed in the street;
The casual eye
Sees nothing in her fair or sweet;
The world goes by,
Unconscious that an angel's feet
Are passing nigh.
She little has of beauty's wealth;
Truth will allow
Only her priceless youth and health,
Her broad white brow;
Yet grows she on the heart by stealth,
I scarce know how.
She does a thousand kindly things
That no one knows;
A loving woman's heart she brings
To human woes;
And to her face the sunshine clings
Where'er she goes.
And so she walks her quiet ways
With that content
That only comes to sinless days
And innocent;
A life devoid of fame or praise,
Yet nobly spent.

—Pall Mall Gazette.

The Household.

French Lyonnaise Potatoes.—Cut in thin slices three cupfuls of cold boiled potatoes. Cut in very thin slices a scant cupful of onions, and shake them into rings. Put in a frying pan with a tablespoonful of butter and when a pale yellow add the potatoes; season with a teaspoonful of salt, one fourth the quantity of pepper, a scant teaspoonful of minced parsley and the juice of half a lemon; fry a deep yellow and serve very hot. Before sending to the table squeeze the juice of the other half of the lemon over the dish.

Potato Salad.—To make potato salad with oil, boil four good-sized potatoes until they are just done; drain and dry. While they are drying put into a bowl half a teaspoonful of salt and a saltspoonful of white pepper; add gradually six tablespoonfuls of olive oil, then add two tablespoonfuls of tarragon vinegar; mix and add one onion sliced very fine. Cut the potatoes right into this mixture while they are hot, tossing them carefully without breaking, and stand the bowl aside until they are very cold. At serving time turn the mixture on a dish garnished with large pieces of parsley; put in the centre on top three or four sardines; sprinkle over chopped parsley and

pickled beets, and serve. This makes a delightful accompaniment to cold roast beef.

SALT CODFISH BALLS

Cover six pared and quartered potatoes with boiling water; put a cupful of pickled codfish above the potatoes and cook until tender; drain, mash and season to taste; add a beaten egg and beat the mixture until light. Shape into smooth, light balls. Fry in deep fat, smoking hot; drain carefully and serve at once.

BREAD AND BUTTER CUSTARD

Beat four eggs without separating, until light; add half a cupful of sugar, a saltspoonful of grated nutmeg and one quart of milk; turn this mixture into a bakingpan. Cut slices of slightly buttered bread into squares of one inch. Drop these squares, butter side up, all over the custard. Bake in a moderate oven until the custard is "set" and the bread brown.

MUTTON SALAD

An exceedingly nice salad may be made from cold boiled mutton. Cut it into dice, and several hours before serving time sprinkle over two tablespoonfuls of mint finely chopped, or two tablespoonfuls of ordinary mint sauce, which may be purchased at any grocery store in bottles. Just at serving time mix this carefully with mayonnaise dressing, season with a teaspoonful of Worcestershire sauce, dish the salad on lettuce leaves and garnish it with quarters of tomato. A good rule for a young housewife to remember is that dinner salads are best with French dressing, and salads for receptions, cold collations and luncheons may be made from meat mixed with the vegetable and dressed with mayonnaise dressing.

POACHED EGGS WITH CREAMED SALMON

Stamp out four rounds of bread an inch thick; remove the centres, leaving a case with a narrow rim. Brush over the outside of the cases with melted butter and brown them in the oven. Fill with canned salmon, flaked and heated in a cupful of cream sauce. Dispose a poached egg above the salmon. Serve garnished with parsley and slices of lemon.

CORRESPONDENCE COLUMN

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CORRESPONDENCE COUPON

Svengali—My dear little girl, of course I'm not offended with you, even if you did say you didn't like Edmonton. I have no doubt that under similar circumstances I should feel quite the same way about it. Personally, as you ask me, I like it tremendously, though there are times, when if flying machines worked decently, I should eagerly avail myself of their services and steer with much unseemly haste for the East. One can't tear away from all one's old friends and the associations of a life-time without regret, and a person would have to be pretty cold blooded who never suffered home-sickness under the circumstances.

Indeed, my dear, you have had some trouble, and I find it very, very hard to adequately express how deeply I sympathize with you in your bereavement and the consequent trials. The longer I live the less I can understand such depravity as you speak of. Men, though, are a strange proposition, even at their best—and at their worst—what words can express their capacity for evil? I know in a measure what you must have had to endure, and while I can see no light in view nor any remedy for

the existing evil, I believe that you will find if you are patient, that things will right themselves in part. One satisfaction you have that she who would have been most nearly affected by somebody's shamelessness has been spared that trial. There are many perplexing things in life, why some things should be allowed, and why evil should be permitted to so seemingly flourish, but God being in his Heaven, I believe there is a divine purpose for every happening, and that at the right time we shall know and clearly understand. I am afraid you can do nothing to secure your rights,—but keep sweet and as much in the right as possible with "himself." Do what you honestly believe to be right and let come what may you will have a clear and easy conscience. As regards the "woman" in the case, believe me there are many such. Why they are tolerated in decent society is incomprehensible, but the fact remains that money and nerve will usually unlock the most stubborn door—so much for society's "exclusiveness."

I hope you are feeling better since writing, Edmonton air is in most cases a wonderful tonic. You write a very sensitive, affectionate hand, one in which tact and sweetness and unworldliness are smoothly combined. The general tendency is very bright and optimistic though present circumstances have had some effect on its character. Generosity, intense sympathy, sterling honesty, trustfulness, confidence, capability, a great capacity for joy or suffering, simple directness, in most cases a forgiving disposition, charity, unselfishness, and an intensely religious nature are all indicated. Writer could be stubborn on occasion and capable of defending her rights, but is naturally anything but quarrelsome. A strong love of beauty in every form, a passion for dainty things and for refined surroundings are in evidence. Personal neatness, good method, steady loyalty, a bright and original mind and an observant eye are other characteristics. My love to you and your sister and drop in and have a chat with Peggy when you can.

One who pines for his Ideal.—This is the hand of a good reasoner, a persistent and cautious worker, fond of making a good impression and appearance, a man with the greatest respect in the world for the proprieties and conventionalities of life, with rather a conservative turn of mind, decided tenacity and purpose, logical, and strong on detail. Writer is alternately confidential and discreet, trusting and otherwise, he would prefer broaching a subject after a preamble to plunging into it without warning. The same holds true in much that he undertakes, some people call the quality caninism. There is a good deal of materialism in the lines, some aggressiveness, much ambition, some imagination, a disposition to be critical, perseverance, patience, method general neatness, decision, evidences of a hasty temper, a strong love for your own people. I shall say, my Bachelor, that you have all the qualities that go to make a first-rate husband, barring the fact that you're abnormally jealous and sensitive, prone to make a mountain out of a mole-hill. You have never let your bump of humor have a decent chance, and you

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Two studies have had to be ruled out, which were sent in on the same day and on the same quality of linen paper, as the coupons were in each case omitted. I must insist on the rules being kept, sorry as I am to disappoint anyone, so if you are wise you will be careful to see that the coupon is enclosed with your letter.

Nutty Ed. — I should have thought after your long tirade against slang, you could have chosen a pleasant non-de-plume, my friend. I confess it quite goes against the grain to have to address a gentleman with such a sobriquet. Next time I should advise a less expressive choice.

As to some of the fascinating slang expressions you enclose, I must confess to a complete ignorance that they ever existed. As then what one doesn't know doesn't bother one, I shall leave the subject to die a natural death.

Your writing can hardly be said to be fully formed as yet, though it has every indication of eventually developing into a very good hand. I like its open manly character, and its optimistic tone, and I shall be much surprised if it doesn't some day accomplish much. You are impulsive, offhand, careless of pose and somewhat indifferent to many small conventions. There isn't much sequence of ideas, nor the spirit of argument in your lines, but there is good sentiment, much susceptibility, generosity, honesty, cheerfulness, go-aheadness, downrightness, and a certain enjoyment of flouting strict and proper ways. You'd make a good friend and a very companionable fellow.

If I was seemingly severe about the slang, be good-natured and forget it, only next time remember my antipathy to expressive cognomens.

Home and Society.

Mrs. Ewing was the hostess of a jolly matinee bridge on Monday afternoon in honor of her niece, Miss Harvey of Orillia, a pretty debutante who is spending a few weeks with her aunt. Three tables took part in the absorbing game and at its conclusion dainty refreshments were served.

Miss Cushing of Calgary who has been the guest of various hostesses in Edmonton since the opening of the session, returned to her home in Calgary on Monday afternoon. During her stay in the city Miss Cushing was the raison d'être of many social happenings, and on Friday afternoon was herself the hostess of a bright, informal tea at the Alberta Cafe. Gowned in a pretty muslin frock, Miss Cushing received her guests at the entrance to the tea-room, and assisting her was Mrs. Bulyea looking particularly well in a smart suit of cream broadcloth with a very becoming hat of pink roses. During the afternoon Miss Ethel Webster sang several selections in delightful style and Miss Isabella Currie gave a number of very enjoyable instrumental solos. Those present were: Mrs. Bulyea, Mrs. Constantine, Mrs. McKenzie, Mrs. Beck, Mrs. Ferris, Mrs. Hislop, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Nichols, the Misses Webster, Ferris, Currie, May,

Ross, Robinson and McIsaac.

Mrs. Norman Lindsay of Winnipeg entertained a few of her friends informally at the tea hour on Friday, in honor of her sister, Mrs. Robinson Benson of Edmonton. Mrs. Karl Woolf presided at the tea-table which was beautifully decorated with American Beauties. Mr. and Mrs. Benson with their little son spent the Easter holidays the guests of Mrs. Lindsay, but have returned to the city.

On Wednesday evening of last week at Holy Trinity church, Strathcona, Mr. Arthur Vivian Baillie-Hamilton was united in holy matrimony to Miss Ida Maud Harrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Harrison of Strathcona. The Rev. G. H. Webb, assisted by the Rev. W. R. George, performed the ceremony. Miss Pearl Harrison, sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid, while the bridegroom was supported by his brother, Mr. Charles Baillie-Hamilton. Mr. Wm. Leclair acted as usher, and Mrs. Graham Campbell of Colchester, presided at the organ.

The bride was attired in cream ecru over cream taffeta, with veil and orange wreath, and carried a shower bouquet of cream roses with white lilac and lilies of the valley. The bridesmaid wore white organdie over pink taffeta and large picture hat, and carried a bouquet of pink roses and pink and white carnations.

The groom's present to the bride was a gold pendant necklet with turquoise and pearls; to the bridesmaid a heavy gold bracelet; to the best man, usher and organist, scarf pins. Numerous handsome presents were received by the bride.

On their return from their wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Baillie-Hamilton will reside in Strathcona on McDonald Avenue. A large circle of Edmonton friends will join in wishing the bride and groom every happiness.

Miss Mowat was a very much-engaged little lady on Saturday, Mrs. Wallbridge giving a tea for her following Mrs. Macdonald's luncheon. The hostess of the afternoon was charmingly gowned in a smart linen shirt-waist suit, hand-embroidered. Tea was served in the cosy little dining-room, where Mrs. Ferris presided at the very daintily arranged tea-table, centred with a centre-piece of green satin strewn with pink carnations, with a cut-glass bowl of the same in the centre. Mrs. Pardee was in charge of the delicious ices. At the conclusion of the tea the bride-elect was merrily presented with a Japanese umbrella which was found to contain a perfect shower of dainty handkerchiefs. Shower parties have the reputation of being quite the nicest form of any entertainment for a bride, and this particular one proved no exception. Those who had the pleasure of attending this delightful "tea" were Mesdames Ferris, Pardee, Hislop, Ewing, Nightingale, Cautley, the Misses Mowat, Taylor, Webster, Ferris, Somerville, McLean, Mabel McCauley, Harvey and Freeman.

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A meeting was held one day last week, at the home of Mrs. J. J. Duggan in Strathcona, of all the ladies and gentlemen who intend to ride horseback this season, and the riding-club of last year was re-organized. It seems a great pity that a similar move is not made in Edmonton, where we have any number of smart gentleman riders and fair equestriennes.

Miss Creelman, of Montreal, was the guest of Col. and Mrs. Evans for a day or two this week on her way to Edmonton and expects to spend a few weeks with Mrs. Evans on her return east.—Winnipeg Town Topics.

Miss Creelman, who is the guest of Mrs. Pardee, has already made a host of friends since coming to the city, everyone being charmed with her sweet unaffectedness and bright manner. At the Westward Ho Ball and at several society events of the week she has been a much admired guest.

The marriage of Miss Muriel Maye Evans, eldest daughter of the Dean of Montreal, to Mr. A. C. Hudspeth, son of the late Mr. Allan Hudspeth, of Lindsay, Ont., took place on April 16th, at St. Stephen's church, at half-past five o'clock, in the presence of a large congregation. The church was decorated with palms, easter lilies and white stocks. Bishop Carmichael officiated, assisted by Rural Dean Robinson, of Clarenceville. The service was fully choral, and during the signing of the register the choir sang "The Voice that Breathed O'er Eden." Mrs. McDuff presiding at the organ. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by her sister, Miss Ruby Evans, and by Miss G. Hudspeth, sister of the groom, Miss G. Hanson and Miss H. Nutter; Mr. H. Hudspeth, of Chicago, was his brother's best man, and the ushers were: Mr. J. Hutchinson, K.C., Mr. T. A. Evans, Mr. H. Warren and Mr. F. Smith. The bride wore a pretty gown of ivory homespun, made with princess skirt, the short Eton coat having elbow sleeves, finished with lace ruffles. The smart blouse was of ivory taffetas. Her hat was of Val. lace, faced with white maline and trimmed with ribbons and feathers, and she carried a bouquet of white lilacs and lilies-of-the-valley. Her

attendants were gowned alike in blue silk grenadine inserted with lace, and pale blue hats, trimmed with wreaths of tulle roses. Their bouquets were of deep red carnations and white spirea. Only relatives and a few intimate friends attended the reception which was held after the ceremony at the residence of Dean Evans, Hope avenue, where, as in the church, Easter lilies and palms formed the decorations. The bride went away in a costume of sapphire blue cloth, trimmed with silk braid of the same shade, the pony coat worn with a vest of Persian embroidery. Her hat was of sapphire blue straw, trimmed with American beauty roses. An unusual number of handsome gifts were showered on the very popular bride and groom. Mr. and Mrs. Hudspeth are at present the guests of Mr. Hudspeth's sister, Mrs. Nightingale, and expect to remain in the city about a fortnight.

Quite one of the jolliest functions of last week was Mrs. Donald Macdonald's luncheon on Saturday in honor of the bride elect, Miss Mowat. Besides the guest of honor there were present several recent brides as well as a number of Miss Mowat's girl friends.

Mrs. Macdonald's dining room is one of the most artistic to be found anywhere and looked particularly inviting on Saturday, the table being centered with a large cut-glass bowl of lovely carnations, four smaller vases of the same bloom being disposed at the four angles. A quantity of beautiful silver added its share to the generally charming effect.

Mrs. Macdonald who is always the most gracious of hostesses, looked particularly well in a smart cream serge suit, while her sister, Miss Mabel Kerr wore a very pretty gown of white voile. Those who sat down to luncheon were: Mrs. N. D. Beck, Mrs. Pardee, Mrs. Nightingale, Mrs. Cautley, Mrs. Hislop, and the Misses Mowat, Taylor, Creelman, Driscoll, Hardisty and Kerr.

Miss Margaret Mowat's wedding to Mr. Percy Hardisty has been the most talked of event of the week, the dainty little bride's popularity coupled with the prominent position held by both families in

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Edmonton rendering the occasion a notable one. The ceremony was celebrated in the Presbyterian Church on Thursday at twelve-thirty o'clock, in the presence of a large congregation. Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Pardee when the intimate friends of the family had an opportunity to wish Mr. and Mrs. Hardisty every happiness. On their return from their wedding trip I believe it is their intention to reside on Mr. Hardisty's ranch about twenty miles out of the city. In the evening the bride's sister, Mrs. Pardee, gave a dance in her spacious rooms at the Bank of Montreal, Clarke's Orchestra playing a splendid programme of dances. At midnight a delicious supper was served, after which dancing continued until the wee small hours.

This has been a red-letter week for luncheons, teas and dances, not to speak of several weddings. On Monday evening Miss Eleanor Taylor was the hostess of a jolly dance when I hear the girls looked their prettiest and had the very best kind of a time. Clark's Orchestra furnished the music and a delightful programme of dances was participated in until the clock warned the guests that it was time to be thinking of a few hours rest before breakfast. Several visitors in the city were among the guests.

The Hockey Club Ball is eliciting a great deal of interest and from present prospects should be a great success. I have also heard of several other dances to take

place in the near future, and engagements and rumors of them are the most common topics of conversation. That the said-to-be engaged young people deny the rumors seems in no degree to affect the interest they have evoked, rather the contrary.

Government House has been the scene of much social gaiety since the opening of Parliament, but the receptions have necessarily had to be on a limited scale on account of the restricted capacity of the Lieutenant-Governor's residence. This very drawback has however had its advantages, in that the receptions and dinners have taken on less of a formal character than is usually the case with similar state functions. On Thursday afternoon Mrs. Bulyea was the hostess of an enjoyable "At Home," when she wore the lovely gown she had on at the Opening, a mauve chiffon, with an underskirt of white taffeta and over-dress of white silk eyelet embroidery, the bodice being composed entirely of exquisite hand-made lace. Assisting the Lieutenant-Governor's wife was her guest, Miss Cushing, who looked very well in a dainty gown of cream-point d'esprit over cream taffeta, with a bodice composed of little ruffles of Valenciennes lace. The pretty rooms were at their best, decorated with many Easter lilies, while the tea-room was lovely in a color scheme of green and white, wide white satin streamers running diagonally across the table and caught in huge bows at the four corners, having smilax and feathery greens scattered along its

length. Filmy lace doilies formed a base for many pretty silver and cut-glass dishes, while delicious dainties were set in every available space. On Friday evening the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Bulyea again entertained, this time at a reception, when about seventy people were present. Mrs. Bulyea was looking her best, gowned in a handsome white broadened satin gown, made en princess, the smart little coat effect being composed of exquisite silk lace, embroidered in gold. Large choux of chiffon ornamented the bodice, and a necklace of gold beads completed this genuinely lovely toilette. Miss Cushing, who assisted Mrs. Bulyea, wore a particularly becoming costume of apricot chiffon crepe, with touches of apricot, green and pink on the edge of the much beshrined skirt. The empire waist had a berthe of darned net applique, the apricot shades being again introduced in three large medallions of hand-made design. A deep girdle of Dresden silk was the finishing touch. During the evening a merry chit-chat was kept up with unflagging interest, while some of the men wandered off to have a game of billiards or a quiet smoke. Supper was served in the dining-room, where the table was a centre of beauty done in red and white, long sprays of red carnations and smilax radiating the length of the white satin streamers, from a cut-glass boat of deep red carnations. It was a late hour before the last guest hurried on her wraps and murmured her acknowledgments for a delightful evening.

PEGGY.

In Sunny Alberta.

Charles Marten, the well-known rancher, of Steerford, near Medicine Hat, while driving home from town on Saturday met with an accident which ended fatally. Soon after leaving the ranch of Mr. Walters, where he had made a stop, he was descending a deep ravine when one wheel struck a stone and Mr. Marten was thrown out. He fell on his head and broke his spine in the fall. He was found soon afterwards by a rider who secured the team and brought the injured man into the hospital, where he died the same day. He was 43 years of age.

Sergt.-Maj. Page, who for the past four years has been in Calgary acting as drill instructor and sergeant-major of the Canadian Mounted Rifles and Fifteenth Light Horse, has accepted the position of chief of police and health inspector of the town of High River.

Mrs. M. Murphy, a half-breed woman, was sentenced at Macleod to nine months for giving an Indian liquor. She has a large family depending on her, and there is considerable doubt as to her guilt.

Captain A. R. McDonald, one of the oldest ex-police officers in the west, died suddenly last week at his ranch near Lethbridge. He came west with the force in '76 and was stationed at Wood Mountain. He was at Fort Walsh when Sitting Bull surrendered. For years he was in command at Fort Macleod and was transferred to Lethbridge in '90, where twelve years ago he retired, engaging in ranching.

Farmers' Market.

Wild hay is now quoted at \$7 to \$12 per ton and timothy at \$10 to \$15, while straw this week is being bought at \$4 per ton. Potatoes are quoted 35¢ to 40¢ per bushel; oats 22¢ per bushel for feed and 25¢ for milling; barley, 25¢ per bushel for feed and 30¢ for malt. Beef is quoted at 13½¢. Mutton and veal are being bought at 5½¢ to 6¢, and live hogs at 6¢. Butter is still reported scarce. The price ranges from 20¢ to 25¢ per lb. according to quality. Some stores have had to get creamery butter from outside to supply the demand. Eggs are coming in in fair quantities at 15¢ per dozen.

Weekly Market Letter

Edmonton, Alta.
April 26th, 1906.

WHEAT—The wheat market for the past week has ruled rather quiet with no material change in prices. Seeding has made rapid progress under generally favorable conditions and is practically completed in South Dakota and Southern Minnesota and is about 60% finished in North Dakota, northern Minnesota and the Canadian northwest. H. V. Jones of Minneapolis and Inglis of Chicago, crop experts, who have been inspecting the growing winter wheat crop in the United States have given out a very favorable report as to present conditions which suggests a record breaking yield should present prospects be maintained. The American supply decreased 2,022,000 bushels last week. World's shipments were 9,416,000 bushels compared with 8,288,990 bushels for the same week a year ago. The United States and Canada exported 1,723,000 bushels of wheat and flour last week compared with 816,000 bushels a year ago. It is estimated that the requirements of millers will absorb all the spring wheat still remaining in farmers' hands in the northwestern states by the time the new crop is available so there will be a good demand for cash wheat for several months to come regardless of new crop conditions. A careful study of existing conditions leads us to believe that we are not going to have any material decline from present values under continued favorable conditions while on the other hand any unfavorable developments could easily result in higher prices and we advise the purchase of July wheat on the declines that will occur from time to time.

RANGE OF PRICES FOR THE WEEK:

	High	Low	Close to-day	Close w'k ago
Chicago—				
May Wheat,	81½	78½	79½	80½
July "	79½	77½	79¼	78½
Minneapolis				
May Wheat,	78½	75½	76½	77½
July "	80½	78½	79	79½
Winnipeg—				
May Wheat,	79½	78	78½	80
July "				

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A. W. Hyndman of Nelson, B.C. is visiting his parents here.

J. Bush of Ottawa is visiting his brother, O. Bush, in Strathcona.

Rev. W. M. Rochester, M.A., of Kenora, has been appointed western secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance. His special field of labor will be Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia.

The Lutheran Church is erecting a new building at the corner of Kimistino and Picard.

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With Saturday Globe . . . \$1.80
With Daily Globe . . . \$2.80
With Daily Witness . . . \$2.30
With Weekly Witness . . . \$1.50
With World Wide . . . \$1.75
With Northern Messenger . \$1.25
With Winnipeg Weekly Free Press . . . \$1.40
With Winnipeg Daily Free Press . . . \$2.75

Fuel Inspector Roberts, of the C.P.R., who is the general experimental man of the company, has been spending the last week in Medicine Hat making some very interesting tests with a new gas-burner which he has been working on since the occasion of his visit last fall, in an endeavor to produce greater power. The experiments made with the new burner enabled a development of 8 h.p., and as one of the results, Mr. Roberts announces that it will be no trouble to develop as high as 240 h.p., the only obstacle which presented itself being the limited capacity of the motor.

Mr. A. C. Flummerfelt, president of the International Coal and Coke Company, of Coleman, Alberta, eight miles of the British Columbia boundary line on the Canadian Pacific Railway, who has been in Spokane to attend a meeting of the corporation, announced that he confidently expects to invade Spokane with his coal as soon as the Spokane International Railway connects that city with the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Principal Riddell preached at Red Deer on Sunday.

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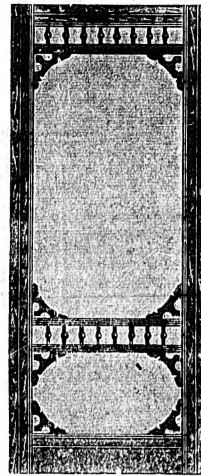
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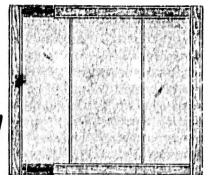
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